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Life Technologies, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 9800 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, Maryland, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on March 15, 1999 of an invention known as Compositions and Methods for Enhanced Synthesis of Nucleic Acid Molecules (Attorney Docket No. 0942.4560001), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventors Wu-Bo LI, Joel A. JESSEE, David SCHUSTER, Jiulin XIA and Gulilat GEBEYEHU said application filed on March 12, 1999 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 09/266,935).

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